

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON INITIATION OF WATER QUALITY STUDY FOR NOMINI
AND ROSIER CREEKS IN WESTMORELAND AND KING GEORGE COUNTIES**

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Two public meetings will be held on Thursday January 20, 2011. An afternoon public meeting will be held at 2pm at the Newton Memorial Branch Library located at 22 Coles Point Rd Hague, VA 22469. An evening meeting will be held at the Cooper Memorial Branch Library located at 20 Washington Ave. Colonial Beach, VA 22443. Both meetings are open to the public.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are announcing a study to restore water quality for a shellfish growing area, two public meetings, and a public comment opportunity following the meeting (expiring on 2/22/10).

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Meeting will provide the public with information gathered to date for the study to include information on the pollutant, monitoring data from Virginia Department of Health – Department of Shellfish Sanitation (VDH-DSS), and possible bacteria sources in the watershed (non-point and point sources).

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of bacteria contamination in the shellfish growing waters of the following waterways: Rosier Creek, Currioman Creek, Nomini Creek, Pierce Creek, Poor Jack Creek, Davis Creek, Jules Creek, Matthews Cove, and North Prong of Buckner Creek. These streams are impaired for failure to meet the designated use of shellfish consumption because of bacteria water quality standard violations.

The study reports the current status of the Creeks via sampling performed by the Virginia Department of Health - Division of Shellfish Sanitation, shellfish area condemnations and the possible sources of bacterial contamination. The study recommends total maximum daily loads, or TMDLs, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, bacterial levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, which will expire on February 22, 2011.

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